

Subject: Movement of the Haj Amin
al-HUSAYNI

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Police

1. Sometime during the first week of February, our source reports, Murtada al-MARAGHI Bey, Minister of the Interior, commissioned a police officer to call upon the Ex-Mufti of Jerusalem in his residence in Cairo and explain to him, as politely as possible, that the Egyptian government would be very grateful if he would take up his residence in some other country, since the Egyptian government found his presence in Egypt an embarrassment, particularly because of his close association with the Ikhwan. It was explained to him that they did not feel he had had a hand in the events of 26 January, and it was not on that account that they were requesting him to leave. (Our source reports that the Egyptian police are convinced that the Ex-Mufti played no part in the events of 26 January.)
2. Apparently, the police were already aware that the Ex-Mufti had made his plans to go to Karachi and were profiting from the occasion to urge that he stay out of the country. (SEE: REC-1276)
3. The Police, in particular the security services, are hoping that the Ex-Mufti will not return. However, under Quranic Law they cannot very well forbid him reentry and asylum.

Classification